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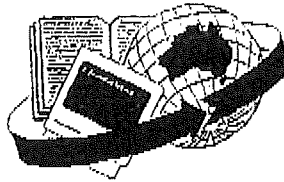
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Changes in Scholarly Communication Patterns: Australia and the Electronic Library

Mr Brewster Kahle
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28 January 1993

Dear Mr Kahle,

Your letter of 15 January and E-mail to Colin Steele of 26 January to hand.

I will arrange to send your Aus \$6000 once our accountant arrives back from vacation on 2 February. Presumably you overlooked/did not receive an earlier letter of mine telling you that this was arranged.

We expect to publish the conference papers as soon after the conference as possible. I also wrote concerning that matter on 22 October. I am adding a copy of that letter to this fax. In brief, we want a connected text, not merely overheads.

Your letterhead had no mailing address, and your E-mail refers to Menlo Park. This is a different address to the one which I had in October.

If your current address is not 1040 Noel Drive, Menlo Park, please fax me (or E-mail Colin Steele). Otherwise, your cheque will be sent to the wrong address.

Yours sincerely,

John Mulvaney
Chair, Planning Committee.

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22 October 1992

Dear Mr Kahle,

We have made good progress with preparations for the conference. Although the programme cannot be finalised until some more responses are received from invitees, I am sending you a draft programme, with some additional advice.

The meeting will be held in the Australian Academy of Science lecture theatre, which seats about 140 people in comfort, with additional seating space on a semi-circular balcony-like area. As the conference is by invitation, we aim to keep attendance to below 200.

Those attending will include at least one senior administrator (the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, or Information Services) from each of Australia's 37 universities; university and State librarians will be well represented; each of the four Australian Academies (the sponsors) will nominate about ten academics involved in relevant electronic issues, but also scholars who are users of conventional printed sources; senior government administrators will be present, including from such Departments as Education, the Australian Research Council, the Australian Science and Technology Council; there will be publishers of books and serials and representatives of distributors.

I have listed these diverse categories to make an essential point. In preparing your paper you need to be aware that the audience will range from computer buffs to 'lay' persons. Please do not assume specialist knowledge.

There is a further reason for clarity and explaining technical terminology, because the Australian Academy of the Humanities hopes to publish the proceedings of the conference for a wider Australian market. We hope to achieve rapid publication, so it would facilitate publication if

(a) you could submit a copy of your paper two weeks before the conference;

(b) provide us with a copy of the paper on a 3.5" diskette, preferably formatted for Macintosh, although alternate formats could be accommodated.

As you see from the schedule, we propose three busy days, with some substantive recommendations resulting on the final afternoon. We believe that these recommendations could play an important role in determining the future of tertiary library policy in Australia, so your advice is likely to be sought, also, outside the lecture room.

It is obvious that papers need to be delivered within the time nominated, otherwise discussion of the papers will become impossible. Please keep that in mind in delivering your paper, even if the text to be published includes additional material.

A maximum of 50 minutes is allocated for your paper.

As you may be unfamiliar with the Australian tertiary education scene, I am enclosing two chapters from *Australian Tertiary Libraries Issues for the 1990's*, edited by Colin Steele and recently published. Should you request further information, we will

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attempt to supply it. Colin Steele, the Australian National University Librarian, is the driving force behind our conference. I am a retired archaeologist-historian, still living in the biro/printed paper era, so I apologise in advance for my lay status. I simply am the honorary secretary of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, which proposed the conference, so in the time-honoured way, I 'won' the responsibility for arranging it.

Please contact Colin Steele for expert advice. His fax number is 06 249 07 34; his Email (Internet) is C.Steele@library.anu.edu.au.

Many thanks for your fax of 18 October, confirming your co-operation. Colin Steele has supplied me with some cryptic notes which you may wish to take into account in preparing your paper. Remember that the audience is not expert, and is international, not American. Colin's note reads as follows:

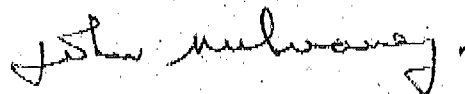
- You could provide a technological overview (but not jargon) of WAIS and its developments. It would need to be more formal than ASIS presentation, with less on Dow Jones and perhaps more on Columbia/Earth Summit.
- Analyse how information is accessible on the network and able to be manipulated/organised.
- What are the skills required to be involved in the process, e.g. in IT directions.
- How does higher education fit into, or adapt to, the network and PC technological changes into terms of utilising, disseminating and preserving information.
- You need to distinguish between teaching and research needs.

As you are aware, you are entitled to Aus\$6,000 for your air travel to Canberra. Would you prefer to have it sent in advance, or to accept payment upon your arrival? Please inform me.

While at the conference, your accommodation will be provided at University House, a short walk from the conference venue. Your meals will be provided, also, but other incidental costs are your responsibility.

I trust that you have an enjoyable time during your Australian visit. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



D.J. Mulvaney
Secretary